

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-4 and add new claims 9-11 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
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9. (New) An air permeable porous fiber pad comprising:
first and second overlapping layers of elongated parallel juxtapositioned webs
wherein each of said webs includes a plurality of opened fibers consisting of 55 to 85%
primary fibers and 15 to 45 % heat meltable fibers and wherein said first and second layers
are cross lapped and heat treated.
10. (New) An air permeable porous fiber pad in accordance with claim 9 and made by
the process of :
opening the fibers and mixing the primary and heat meltable fiber to form an opened
fiber mix;
carding, slicing and overlapping the fiber mix;
crosslapping the carded, sliced and overlapped fiber mix and heat treating the cross

lapped, carded, sliced and overlapped fiber mix; and

cooling, slicing and cross cutting the heated fiber mix to thereby form an air permeable porous fiber pad.

11. (New) The air permeable porous fiber pad according to claim 10 wherein the web is a crosslapped opened crimped tow of separated fibers.